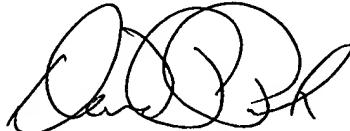


III. CONCLUSION

Applicants elect the invention of Group I, however, based on the commonality of the subject matter, Applicants request that the Examiner join the pending claims of Groups I, and II into a single group. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are ready for examination and in condition for allowance.

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